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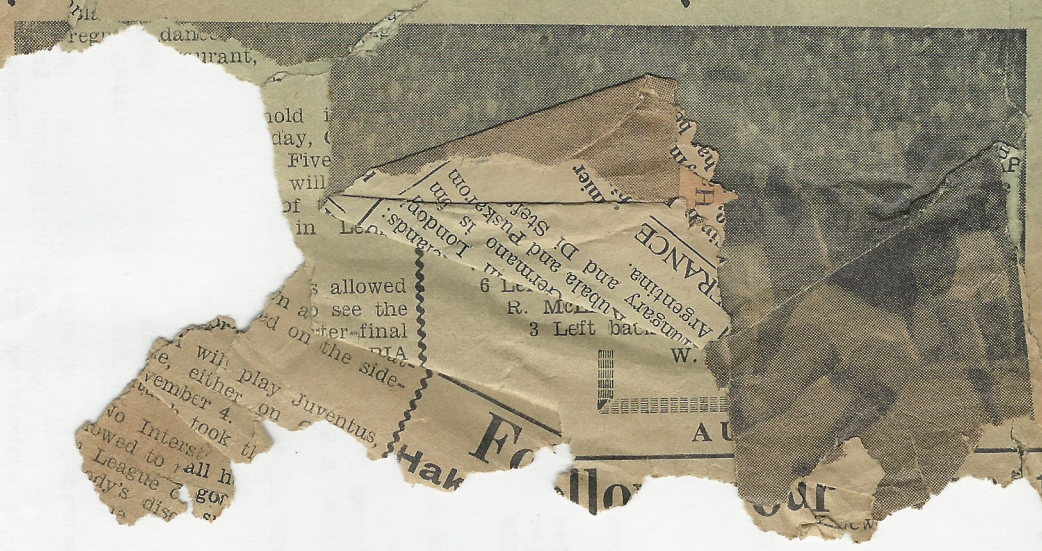
"BIG TWO" CLASH ONCE MORE

S.C. Hakoah and Canterbury-Marrickville will meet in the final of the 1961 'Craven A' Cup at Redfern Oval on Sunday, Octob 15, at 3 p.m.

The early Game, to decide third and f money will be played at 1.15 p.m., between Bu ners-up Sydney and Auburn.

The Cup winners will receive £600 and the £50, res- £250.



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... in tipping Hakoah because its defence, under the tuition of Victor Mach, has become such a well-knit unit that it should avain prove too good for the Canterbury attack.

Curtain-Raiser

In the "curtain-raiser" I expect the improved Budapest to beat Auburn.

Schauman, Medina and Vasvary should prove too clever for a very jaded Auburn team.

Budapest last season defeated Auburn 5:1 in the corresponding match and I would not be surprised if they came close to that score again.

Auburn's main hopes, Quested and Van Gaalen, were out-of-touch on Wednesday night and will have to improve drastically if Auburn is to put up a good showing.

— LOU GAUTIER

... Cup ... take ... e at this stage.

The ... torian and South Australia ... Associations have sabotaged the competition.

The proposed Cup was a bold, imaginative venture involving the movement by air ... accommod ... nine interstate te ... over period of eight weeks as well as the guaranteed prize of £5,500.

To promote the series, the N.S.W. Federation of Soccer Clubs was willing to risk some £12,000 for the good of soccer in ... Queensland heartily endorsed the venture and recommended it to all their Clubs.

Clubs in Victoria and South Australia were anxious to compete.

We are astonished by the retrograde, dull and obstructive attitude of those respective State Associations who, under the auspices of the Australian Soccer Football Association Limited, can strangle the development of friendship and understanding between the Clubs of the various States.

Since the existing frame work of the ASFA does not encourage unified progress of the Code as a whole, the Council of the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs will, next Tuesday night, be asked to create an **Australian Federation of Soccer** Clubs, to exploit the existing break-aways in Western and South Australia and the obvious discontent in Victoria. We hope our Queensland friends will be the first to join us.

Soccer Clubs are the back-bone of Soccer Football throughout Australia and we will ensure that the Australian Federation gives to Clubs and Clubs alone, the rightful privilege of determining their own development and progress.

(This statement has been issued by Dr. H. Seamonds, Chairman of the Management Committee of the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs.)

Hakoah ... epea ... ership grand final ... will Canterbury revers the decision to win its only 1961 title ?

Hakoah, the form team of the moment and the crowd-pleasing Berries should draw the largest-ever "Craven A" crowd to Redfern Oval.

The teams have met four times this season, Hakoah winning twice (Ampol semi-final and Grand Final); while Canterbury won one competition match and drew the other.

In the current "Craven A" series Hakoah has the better goal-average, having scored 9 goals to 4 against.

Canterbury's aggregate is 10:6.

Bearing this in mind, as well as the fact that Hakoah has yet to lose a match since mid-July, I, frankly, see no reason why the Blues cannot achieve the double and repeat their grand final.

Incidentally, Hakoah has never lost a match at Redfern Oval.

The score might be close, but I feel that Hakoah have reached such a high degree of understanding and confidence that their team-work will prove too much for the hard-working Canterbury XI.

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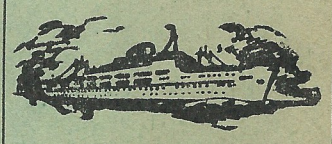

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EDITORIAL

Grounds to complain

The Sporting Editor of an afternoon newspaper drew attention to an anomaly that exists in Sydney sport: the "poor relative" treatment of soccer so far as grounds are concerned.

The editor strongly criticised the peculiar attitude of some trusts in the handling of applications for the use of their grounds.

We all know that such a situation does exist. We all condemn it and hope for an improvement.

The reason why, so far, Soccer World has kept quiet about it was simple: we try to refrain from complaining in public about actual or imagined grievances.

But now that the issue has been aired, we may perhaps add a few thoughts to it.

Sooner or later soccer **will** receive equal treatment with the other football codes. Sooner or later we **will** have equal access to the big grounds.

These are not threats; merely a simple assessment of the position.

The way soccer in this country is growing is nothing short of the incredible.

Anybody who cares to glance back a few years, say four or five, will find ample proof.

And this growth cannot be supressed, stopped countered with artificial measures.

espective of what some embittered officials codes may think or say or do, soccer is fast ground.

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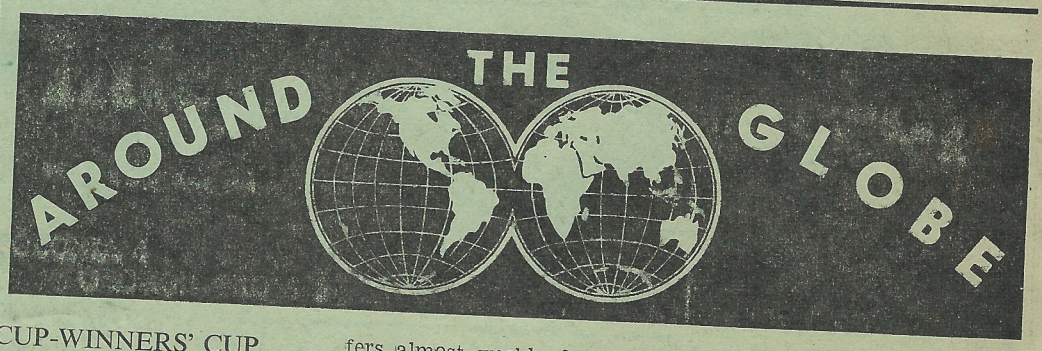

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

The draw for the second round in the European Cup-winners' Cup is:

Werder Bremen (W. Germany) v Aarhus (Denmark)

Ajax Amsterdam v. Ujpest (Hungary).

Leicester City v. Athletico Madrid.

Olympiakos Athens v. Dyn. Cilina (Czechosl.).

Dunfermline (Scotland) v. Vardar Skoplje (Yugosl.).

Fiorentina v. Rapid Wien

FC Ch. de Fonds (Switz.) or Leixoes (Luxemb.) v. Alliance Duedelingen (Belgium).

URUGUAY

When last year Penarol re- tur d from Madrid with a 5:1 lick ide he club's management ded side. as time to rebuild the ey let go ges, Hohberg gh stars as d signed on others, uding Bo Salvador berto Spencer (for £10,000), ar sia and Joya.

The change-over can be re- rded as highly successful narol this year manag wn father. n the unofficial Worl o, on pre- train ptly aban- title by beating Be ped to his matches out few slices of es in his t pocket nto his

fers almost weekly from many top Continental clubs.

However, so far the player has resisted the bids as he feels disinclined to give up the easy life in Holland for strict discipline in Italy's or Spain's professional football.

RANKING

One of England's best known soccer writers, Eric Batty, has again "selected" his world team of eleven players.

This is the team picked by Batty: Grosics (Hungary) — Bergmark (Sweden), N. Santos (Brazil) — Blanchflower (Nth. Ireland), Germano (Portugal), Bonga Bonga (Belgian Congo) — Kubala (Spain), Pele (Brazil) Di Stefano (Spain), Puskas (Spain), Gento (Spain).

An interesting fact is that five of the eleven players do not play in their home nat's roughly Blanchflower is ir husbands are like Tottenham, ng the season. Brazil, But now, as I promised ow, ta that will improve: once man in will be married children will ted perio This ps better than nothing specially in the off-sea- if you are wi

WEST GERMANY

After many years of planning and even more years of arguing, Germany has decided to introduce, next season, a full country-wide First Division competition in place of the present regional one.

From all five present regional First Division leagues the top four teams plus two from Berlin will make up West Germanys' first post-war national league.

There will also be th ee regional Secon is already plus co dt next se gues, ply a to find spe the tless on every lo re t the Moves k t

against ash kic and ed King Italian defences and to establish a working partnership with fellow-star, Altafini, who, under his former name of Mazzola, played for Brazil in the 1958 World Cup.

According to the latest reports Greaves was suspended by his club and fined about £300 for having visited a nightclub on the eve of a club match.

Greaves, like so many other foreign stars before him, may soon find out that to succeed as a professional in Italy you have to be almost a paragon amongst saints.

☆ ☆ ☆

The leading club of the "Eternal City", AS Roma may soon become a fully "South American" side

Last year Roma had four players from Latin America: half Ghiggia and forwards Lojacono, Manfredini and Schiaffino

Now two more have joined them: former Argentine inter national inside forward Angelillo, from Inter and former Brazilian goalkeeper, Da Costa, from Fiorentina.

Of these, however, several are "Oriundis", that is South Americans of Italian origin who do not fall into the strict three-foreigners-per-team rule of the Italian Association

HOLLAND

Although no big fish on the European soccer market, Holland has produced one of the Continent's most successful club teams in Feyenoord of Rotterdam.

Last season Feyenoord drew an average of 47,000 people to its home games — a figure exceeded in Europe only by Real Madrid and Tottenham Hot- rs.

celona, because of their eason, slipped to fourth average of 44,000 per e.

has many very good f whom, left win- ijn, receives of-

Do 000 an Cubas, a -year-old Urugua star of Montevideo's Bella Vista club for £50,000.

And all this money for a team that seldom draws more than 4000 people to its home matches in tiny Monaco City!

HUNGARY

Hungary's dismal showing against East Germany in Berlin, despite a narrow 3:2 win, finally induced manager Lajos Baroti to take action against those players who cannot or will not give up night-clubbing in favor of rigid training for next year's World Cup finals.

Two of these players have already been left out of the Hungarian squad training for a match against Austria in Vienna — right half Erno Solymosi and centre forward Florian Albert, both under 20 and both extremely talented.

Solymosi's place may be taken by another youngster, Istvan Nagy of M.T.K., and Albert's place may go to the more reliable and hard working Monostori II. of the Dorog club.

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Madrid comma Vic ee of more than £12,500 for friendly match anywhere in the world — and they play quite a few of them every year.

Then, on top of all this, there are the European Cup match gates.

All these combined are believed to exceed £1 million a year.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

World Cup Matches: Eire v. Czechoslovakia 1:3; Yugoslavia v. Sth. Korea 5:1; Luxemburg v. Portugal 4:2.

Full Internationals: Poland v. W. Germany 0:2; Rumania v. Turkey 3:0; Austria v. Hungary 2:1.

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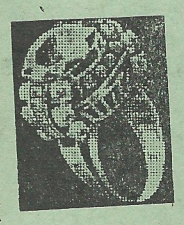

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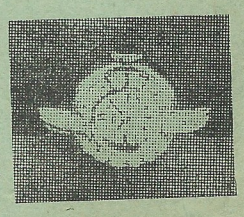

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● A FLOOD of congratulatory letters and telephone calls came Mr. M. Nagy's way on his 70th birthday.

Mr. Nagy, Soccer World's Publisher and Editor-in-Chief wishes to thank all for their good wishes.

● SECOND DIVISION club, Blacktown S.C. are holding regeams,dances at the Craig- ... be in constarant, Richmond ... of our ... hold its an- ... day, October ... Fivedock. ... will go to ... of the new ... in Leich-

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... will play Juventus, ... either on ... November 4. ... took th ... Inters ... owed to ... League ... all h ... dy's disc ... go

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● David Fagan ... competition goals for ... Division Scottish club Dumbarton last season; Polonia's John Bryce five for the same club.

Prague's G. Jones is credited with four goals for Wrexham Jim Kelly one for Blackpool, V. Wentzel also one for Kilmanock, whilst Polonia's Ernie Mc Leod has seven goals to his credit for Cowdenbeath, a Second Division Scottish club.

All these statistics figure in the 1962 Playfair Football Annual.

● Canterbury are expecting an Internationally famous goalkeeper and centre-forward from Spain for 1962.

No names have been announced as yet, but club officials expect these players to be among the best to settle in Australia.

● SOCCER is the No 1 winter sport in Canberra.

Figures just released show that soccer outdraws any other code at Manuka Oval, Canberra's top ground.

Average crowds of 2,000 watch weekly competition games.

● FORMER Hungarian First Division international star and qualified coach seeks engagement for next season.

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LOU GAUTIER

- FINAL TEAMS -

Budapest S. S. v. Auburn

REFEREE: R. PEARCE

LINESMEN: W. JAMESON, L.WILSON

BUDAPEST

1 Goal: N. SOKOLOV
2 Right back: R. WARREN
3 Left back: J. GERGELY
4 Right half: B. JONAS
5 Centre half: S. TSOMBARAS
6 Left half: C. KANGYAR
8 Inside right: J. MEDINA
10 Inside left: G. KOVACS
7 Outside right: G. VASVARY
9 Centre forward: A. HETHERINGTON
11 Outside left: L. SCHAUMAN

R. MORRIS — 11 Outside left
A. BILBEY — 9 Centre forward
B. STAPLES — 7 Outside right
L. QUESTED — 10 Inside left
R. HALL — 8 Inside right
W. BARCLAY — 6 Left half
F. Van GAALEN — 5 Centre half
S. COUSINS — 4 Right half
R. McLELLAND — 3 Left back
R. DUFF — 2 Right back
W. HENDERSON — 1 Goal

AUBURN

Hakoah v. Canterbury

REFEREE: F. SBISA

LINESMEN: N. JOHNS, J. SCIFFLEET

HAKOAH

1 Goal: H. WENZL
2 Right back: V. MACH
3 Left back: J. AIRD
4 Right half: R. KEARNS
5 Centre half: A. HANDORF
6 Left half: A. BLUTSCH
8 Inside right: M. CHALDI
10 Inside left: R. NEAL
7 Outside right: J. HEJTMANEK
9 Centre forward: R. LEVI
11 Outside left: K. JAROS

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J. MOORE — 10 Inside left
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G. CAMPBELL — 6 Left half
J. CURRY — 5 Centre half
D. BROWN — 4 Right half
G. NUTTALL — 3 Left back
T. NORTH — 2 Right back
M. LEMON — 1 Goal

CANTERBURY

Follow our team through Craven A series

... decided ... (October 8)

... (South Austral 1:0)

Prague (Balgownie 2:2, 1:1, 3:0)

Canterbury (South Coast United 2:1)

Polonia - N.S. (Blacktown 6:2)

Budapest (Gladesville 2:2, 1:0)

CANTERBURY 4:3 (October 4)

BUDAPEST 4:3 (October 4)

SEMI-FINAL

CANTERBURY 4:2 (October 11)

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STAR PARADE

Bill Henderson - Auburn

Auburn's international goalkeeper comes from a family of soccer fanatics.

His father, Andy, was a famous Australian goalkeeper in the early 20s and he has passed on his skill to Bill, his youngest son.

Andy Junior, Bill's brother, was Auburn's captain until he broke his leg early this season.

Bill Henderson has played all his soccer in the Granville-Auburn districts.

His greatest thrill came when he was first selected to wear the "Green and Gold" of Australia — in 1953 against South China.

He also played a big part in Auburn's sensational 1957 Federation Grand Final win at the Sports Ground before a, then, record crowd of 8,400.

He is, naturally, disappointed at not having been considered for any representative matches in the last 2 years, but admits that Sydney, nowadays, has an abundance of classy goalkeepers.

He is the product of the huge Granville Junior Association which, every year, wins a large number of State trophies.

As a 16-year-old he made his debut in the Granville first grade side and never lost his place until he switched to near-by Auburn when the Federation broke away in 1957.

Now 30, Bill is married and has two daughters—the soccer name of the Hendersons will not become extinct, however, as brother Andy has a son.

Henderson has played in 13 internationals for Australia and even since 1950 he has vied with Ron Lord for Australia's goalkeeping mantle.

Although nearing the "veteran" stage he remains a fine custodian who can win a match on his day.

His clearances have always been a feature, his game and their length and accuracy have amazed many touring sides.

Off the field Bill is the life of the party, and his cheerful humor has been the highspot of more than one "get together".

Planning ahead

Growth prospects for District Associations in Sydney and surrounding areas is very bright for 1962.

It is anticipated that the Nepean area will press ahead with its intention to form a new Association.

Meanwhile, Mr. K. Couchman, President of the Lower Blue Muontains National Fitness Council, is moving ahead with establishment of Junior Soccer clubs in all Lower Blue Mountains townships.

Completion of the project will mean availability of junior soccer to schoolboys in every suburb and town from Sydney West to Mt. Victoria — a splendid increase.

Many Associations with wide-awake committees have surveyed their areas for 1962.

Objective is to ensure that every part of their district is covered for soccer, and every available boy is playing the code.

For example, 97 entries are already held by an Association which this year had 84 teams —with many more entries expected before the first ball is kicked in 1962!

KEITH GILMOUR

IT HAPPENED . . .

One of the best junior prospects in Sydney is a young boy with the Northern Suburbs Association.

He plays with the Lane Cove United team and he is a protege of former Canterbury [illegible] player George [illegible]

His [illegible] relat[illegible]

The players brought it on themselves . . .

It had to come. The players have more or less brought it on themselves. Yes — a Summer Cup tournament.

A top football legislator said to me last week, "With players' wages now reaching the sky, no club can afford to pay them three month's money for doing nothing."

The question hasn't yet reached the level of a secret meeting. But it has been discussed in many off-the-record chats among the officials of several big Scottish clubs.

English clubs, too, have been brought into these talks. And the English clubs are all for it.

They remember the terrific financial success of Glasgow's Exhibition Cup (1938), and Coronation Cup (1953). Both summer tournaments.

One suggestion is that the top six clubs in the Scottish League and the top six clubs in the English First Division should play in summer tournaments — say in May and early June — for the Championship of Britain.

Another idea is that, if such a tournament do[illegible] get going, the total gates from all games should b[illegible] with clubs involved getting an equal sha[illegible] was all over.

Well, it's worth a trial.

It would certainly be better than the [illegible] which the present trend looks like bringi[illegible]

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(The above article com[illegible] Australia. written by Jack Harkne[illegible] soccer columnist. W[illegible] of the problems [illegible]

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- The atrocious condition of the Redfern Oval pitch, which has not even been marked.
- The similarity of colors between Hakoah and Auburn which made it difficult for spectators to distinguish them under floodlights.

Results and details at a glance

Players are given stars ranging from 1 to 6 as follows 1 = poor; 2 = mediocre; 3 = average; 4 = good: 5 = excellent: 6 = outstanding; no award to sent-off-players.

RESULT & SCORES

CANTERBURY 4 (1)

B. Salisbury (39 min.), J. Watkiss (51 min.), J. Moore (66 min.), D. Brown (69 min., penalty).

BUDAPEST 2 (0)

D. Brown (49 min., own goal), G. Kovacs (63 min.).

Awards by: LOU GAUTIER

HAKOAH 3 (2)

R. Levi (21 min.), F. Van Gaalen (38 min., own goal), R. Neal (83 min.).

AUBURN 0 (0)

Awards by: LOU GAUTIER

HOW THEY LINED UP AND PLAYED

M. LEMON***** T. NORTH**** G. NUTTALL***** D. BROWN**** J. CURRY***** G. CAMPBELL*** J. AMIGO*** B. SMITH*** J. WATKISS***** J. MOORE**** B. SALISBURY****

TOTAL: 45

Z. GREGORIC*** R. WARREN***** J. GERGELY**** B. JONAS**** S. TSOMBARAS**** C. KANGYAR**** J. VASVARY**** J. MEDINA**** A. HETHERINGTON**** G. KOVACS*** L. SCHAUMAN****

TOTAL: 43

H. WENZL**** V. MACH***** J. AIRD**** R. KEARNS**** A. HANDORF**** A. BLUTSCH***** A. HEJTMANEK*** G. CHALDI**** R. LEVI***** R NEAL**** K. JAROS***

TOTAL: 45

W. HENDERSON**** R. DUFF*** R. McLELLAND**** S. COUSINS**** F. VAN GAALEN**** W. BARCLAY*** B. STAPLES** R. HALL*** A. BILBEY** L. QUESTED*** J. MORRIS****

TOTAL: 36

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Play was of the highest standard for the first 70 minutes, then Canterbury took over. Budapest, although, trailing had been the better team until half time and it was only grand solo efforts by Watkiss and Moore which put paid to their win. The crowd was continually on its toes in the second half when five goals were scored within 20 minutes.

Referee: R. PEARCE **Crowd: 4,000**

Hakoah never looked like losing and treated the match in the easiest of fashions. Auburn have only themselves to blame as the forward line never could finish off any of the quite dangerous moves instigated by Quested and Morris. The match was quite entertaining as Hakoah did display some pleasing moves.

Referee: J. CARTER **Crowd: 4,000**

Paul Barclay applauds

A progressive move

The recent decision of the Federation to establish a squad for representative matches can only be regarded as a sound and progressive move.

Everyone knows that we have in Sydney a couple of dozen players who could hold their own in top-class football.

However, good players don't necessarily make a good team.

There has to be a harmony of style, of temperament, of ideas before individuals can be blended into a smooth unit.

Therefore, the proposal to set p a squad complete with manager, coach, trainer etc. must be applauded as a step in the right direction.

While we have been outlawed from F.I.F.A. and thus prevented fro[illegible] playing against the world's [illegible]st teams, we must never[illegible] be in constant preparati[illegible] of our re-

Probably Indonesia, Singapore, Malaya, Thailand and other countries in this part of the world would be willing to exchange visits with us.

The local football scene badly needs an infusion of international football.

All sport fans would welcome an opportunity to see our squad pitted against a touring team — as happened with the Costa Ricans two years ago.

If we started sending teams overseas, it would be a marvellous step from the prestige viewpoint.

Also, it would tend to attract more youngsters into a code which provided such rewards and opportunities.

Geographically, even if not racially, this is an Asian country and perhaps we could enter a team at the Asian games.

Australia as a soccer-playing country is virtually unknown.

It is high time that we started to remedy this position, beginning with our nearest neighbor.

The Federation, by setting up a squad of players has made the first important move.

If an opportunity arises we will be represented by a sound, integrated and fit team, which, — win or lose — will be a credit to the Federation and to the code as a whole.

Newcastle

Tommy Dawson, who was a member of the Charlton Athletic Club when it won the English Football Association Cup at Wembley in 1947 and who coached Adamstown to the Northern Soccer League major premiership success this season, and Adamstown, have parted.

Dawson came to Australia in March 1960 under contract to the Adamstown Welfare and Recreation Club, which is apart from the Adamstown Soccer Club.

His contract was for three years, but some disagreement between he and some officials have led to an estrangement and so Dawson sought release from his contract.

The club has agreed and Dawson will finish his services with the club on October 20.

He told me this week that while he is eager to remain in soccer his future is undecided.

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[illegible]ow soccer?

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Seeing an [illegible] the referee, kicks good to miss, the [illegible]ght winger, makes a remarkab[illegible]g field, [illegible] ball [illegible] touch-

[illegible] gam[illegible] gone out o[illegible] kick, a right [illegible]r, who is [illegible] fering from a b[illegible] bruised heel because of ill-f[illegible]g boots, approaches the [illegible]eree and requests permission to leave the field for the purpose of seeking treatment and perhaps changing his boots.

The arbiter sympathises with the fellow and grants his request.

The whistle is blown for the play to be resumed and the goalkeeper, not having noticed that one of his forwards had goa[illegible] cou[illegible] no[illegible] [illegible]accommod[illegible] disallow[illegible] interstate[illegible]er, who asked the referee's permission to leave the field, should be cautioned for ungentlemanly conduct.

An indirect free kick should be awarded against him, because he is considered to be a non-participant in the game the moment the referee grants his request to leave the field.

[illegible]-and-rush, [illegible] miss [illegible]

Now, it is a highly skilled soccer combination.

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from the sidelines

See you soon?

JOE GALECZKA, the magnificent centreforward-cum-rightwinger, is returning to Poland next Wednesday, October 18.

Joe married a pretty young girl only two months before departing for Australia in May last year and no one, not even his most ardent supporters, could not forgive him for wanting to spend the Christmas with his wife.

Joe has the best intentions of coming back next season. As soon as he reaches Poland he intends to apply for a visa for himself AND his wife, so that he could arrive here on time to play in our competitions.

Last Sunday we spent a pleasant afternoon and evening together, talking about the past, present and the future.

It's much too much for this space to give you his views on the past and present. I will return to the subject at a later stage.

For the time being — the future. To my question: "what conditions would you like to have when you return?", he answered:

"A lot of money is being spent on players in Sydney and some of it goes to waste. Big, fat bonuses are being offered at some crutial stages of the competition for a vital win.

"But, what's the good of a willing soul when the body is not capable of carrying it out?"

"What I would like to have is this: a reasonable job that would allow me two afternoons per week off for training. The two afternoons plus two evening sessions would ensure a certain degree of fitness for myself and the rest of the team.

"And instead of being offered, say, £15 [illegible] mat[illegible] I would like to have £10, with the other £5 go[illegible] pensation for lost wages d[illegible]ing th[illegible] after [illegible] sessions.

"[illegible]tful sportsm[illegible] would be [illegible]

On behalf of al[illegible] ng my be[illegible] Joe, all the best of luc[illegible] to Sydney.

Do zobaczenia, nied[illegible]

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See you soon...

AND ANOTHER "AU REVOIR"

This is the last number of our paper until late January, when we'll come out once again — again bigger and brighter than ever.

There is a strong possibility that the Summer Cup will take place then, so, we will be there to greet it.

So, it's time to thank you all for your patronage and support.

We hope you have enjoyed reading our paper as we have enjoyed you buying it . . .

As for myself — I wish to thank all the writers and correspondents for their cooperation, quality and prompt arrival of their material.

Firstly thanks are due to the "old" hands — Lou Gautier, Paul Dean, Len K. Stone, Les Farr, Paul Mackenzie, R.E.Feree, Keith Gilmour and Hugh Katser.

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Thanks are due to Dr. Seamonds and the Management Committee for their genuine interest and support of this publication.

Also thanks are due to our Marcel Nagy for his fatherly guidance, our Denis Adrigan for his moral support, and our printers for having someone to fight with . . .

So, until we "meet" again towards the end of January, your Editor is signing off, wishing you a pleasant holliday, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Sign of marching time

And just to conclude with a dose of doubtful humor here is a piece of table talk, which'll prove beyond reasonable doubt the influence soccer has had on my seven-year-old boy: "pass the salt son".

". . . . . ."

"Thank you, you're a good girl . . ."

The boy looked up disgustedly, smiled and remarked loudly: "Butcher! . . ."

Paul Dean's parting word:

CHEER UP! IT'S ALL OVER NOW . . .

Okay, ladies, you can relax, the season is fast coming to an end now.

Stop worrying, evereything will be fine soon.

The boys will push and shove a bit more, kick that round thing here and there, a few concussions and cerebral palsies and heart attacks and mounted police charges and, before you can say "shoot", it's going to be all over.

Yep, your everloving husbands will again spend the weekend with you instead of with the Baumgartners and Chaldis and Galeczkas.

In the coming weeks, and brief months, he won't hurl abuse at the referees and outside-lefts in his nightmares.

No doubt, he will find a new subject for all that — possibly you . . .

I realise you can hardly wait. The great big family peace will be re-established, the marital equilibrium restored and the happy moments of bygone years will fleetingly return. How nice it will be.

In time, even the children may get used to the idea that this nervous, peculiar man in the house is their own father.

The very man who, on previous Sundays, abruptly abandoned his lunch, jumped to his feet and pressing a few slices of cakes in his [illegible] pocket [illegible]to his [illegible] smashed kic[illegible] manded [illegible] Irish stew [illegible]d could be persuaded to go to bed only after the family had agreed, around midnight, to set up a goal post over his bed with the net and all the trimmings.

His poor mood usually lasted well into next morning, particularly when he remembered that it was Monday and a working day, without the slightest hope of soccer for at least six more days.

He got dressed morosely, ran through the soccer news in the morning papers with acid comments and, finally, left the house leaving behind a heap of tension, misery, tears and fears.

I know from experience that your husbands manage to find, year in and year out, the most fantastic reasons to explain their soccer obsession.

One may tell you that it's only the fresh air that attracts him, you can breath so freely in the open, the lungs get refreshed.

But, sad to say, the same lover of fresh air refuses to spend more than four minutes in the garden because — as he says — "it's different".

Others again claim that soccer to them is the weekend relaxation.

Some fellows (he argues) drink and gamble to get a kick out of life — he only attends soccer matches.

However, the very same man is usually incapable of explaining how he can stick to a relaxation which, almost weekly, sends him to the verge of heart failure, totally disrupts his nervous system and comes between himself and his family.

These, mind you, are only a few of the more common species; there are almost countless varities growing under every shrub.

But not one would admit the real reason — that he loves the damned thing.

Well, ladies, that's roughly what your husbands are like during the season.

But now, as I promised [illegible] will improve: once [illegible] will be married [illegible] children will [illegible] ted perio[illegible]

This [illegible] but [illegible] not [illegible] specially in the off-sea[illegible] [illegible] if you are w[illegible] will not indulge in wild daydreaming about your man becoming reformed.

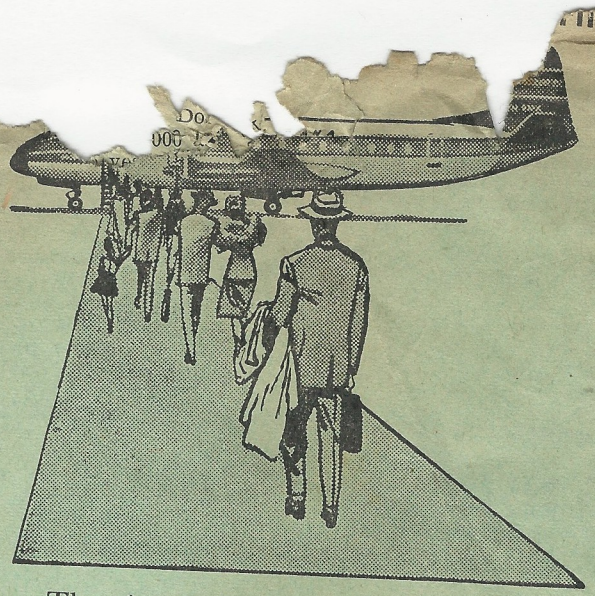
Your husband, in his present convalescent stage, is not quite himself, must not be taken literally.

The bug is still in his system, the danger of re-infection is still all there.

In a reckless moment he may claim, for instance, that he is actually glad the season is over, he's had enough for a year, the standards have fallen to pieces and he couldn't have stood another 90 minutes of it.

Not one word is true, do believe me.

He is already busy figuring out next se[illegible] [illegible] guestrying to find [illegible] the [illegible] on [illegible] lo [illegible] re [illegible] k [illegible] t [illegible] will [illegible] own.



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